

THE
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OF THE
Lord of Hosts,

Faithfully declared in his own time; and the
DECREE of the LORD GOD also Re-
corded, which is nigh to be fulfilled.

ALSO,

A few WORDS to FRIENDS of TRUTH, whom
the LORD is Trying in this Day.

And something to those that remain of that Generati-
on of Men who improved not their Day, but
were Rebellious against the Lord, and
Treacherous to his People.

With a few WORDS to the MAGISTRATES
of this LAND now in Authority.

By a Handmaid of the Lord, M. H.

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*The Vision of the Lord of Hosts, faithfully declared
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IN the year 1660, in the second month thereof, I was at the Town of *Colchester* at my Friend's house, and in the evening season, I went to my Bed to take my rest in God, where refreshment from him I did receive to my soul, and also to my naturals, having at that time but little strength as to my natural life; And so according to God's will, and the mind of the Lord, I gave up my self, and lay down upon my Bed, in God's Will and Word, in which Word I was kept and preserved.

After a little season, sweet sleep came upon me, and I was some hours in a deep and a calm sleep, which did refresh my naturals, and I was in the Word of the living God, which did keep me and refresh my soul, and after a season did awake me.

And the living God did appear unto me by Vision, and shewed me the dark, horrible, and miserable estate that would come on this Land of *England*, and on the People therein: he shewed me a great Cloud that spread over all the Nation, and many violent and bloody men the Lord shewed me in the Cloud: And as he shewed me that the Cloud should come upon the Nation, so he shewed me that it should break upon the Nation; and the men of blood should fall in great fury and rage upon many, and do great violence unto many.

And further, the Lord appeared unto me in Vision, and he shewed me a great and dark Wood in these Southward parts, and in the Wood were many Pits, and in the Pits were many Beasts, which had many horns and sharp, and great jaws, and great paws also. There was among them one great Beast, in fierceness and fury above them all. These Beasts had been long chained and fettered in the Pits and Wood of Darknes, and

they roared to be at liberty. It was shewed unto me that they would be greedy of their prey, even to the shedding of innocent blood, which they had long thirsted for.

And when the Lord had shewed me these things in the Vision of the Cloud, and that it should spread over the Nation, and should break on the Nation, and that the bloody men therein should fall upon many with cruelty, Then did sorrow seize on my heart, and great grief upon my soul, and a great weight upon my body, which caused my lips to quiver, and my belly to tremble, and a Cry ran thorow me, O Lord, *what wilt thou do with this Land, or with thy People therein, unto whom thou hast so largely manifested thy Name? O Lord, wilt thou hide thy Face from us, or take the light of thy Countenance from us, that hath in so large a measure shined on us? Or wilt thou suffer these men of violence to bruise and destroy the bodies of them that bear thine Elect Seed? Wilt thou suffer the Beasts to come out of their Pits, their Chains to be broken, and their Fetters to be unloosed, they being so greedy of prey? Then the Cry was in me, O Lord, slay not the Righteous with the Wicked: And a great Earthquake was upon me, and I was in great travel in spirit, soul, and body, for the whole Land of England, and little of it, no comfort had I, until I heard the Lord's voice, who spake unto me, and said, Fear not thou, my Daughter, none of these things which I have shewed unto thee; but believe in my Name, made known unto thee.* Then I said, O Lord, who shall stand for thee? or, who shall declare thy Name, or speak of thy wonderful Works, or of thy large Salvation whereby thou hast wrought, and brought wonderful and great things to pass, as in the years past? If thou suffer the Cloud to come upon all, who then shall declare of it? Or, if thou suffer the Night of Darkness to spread over all, who then shall be able to work? or, who shall speak of thy mighty Truth? Wherefore (there being upon my Spirit a deep sence of the cruelty of those Beasts, which were to be unchained, and to come out of the Pits of Darkness) I said, *Arise, O Lord, and avenge thine own Cause, suffer not thy Name to be troden down, or rooted out of this Land of England, in which (even above and beyond all other Lands) thou hast so largely made thy self manifest; suffer*

it not to be rooted out by the Dragon and his followers. And these were my Cries unto the Lord in the hour of deep sufferings.

And the Lord who shewed me these things, he heard my Cries also, and he said, to my great satisfaction, *Keep these things in thine own breast, and seal these words in thy own heart, and wait upon me*, said the living God, *until I shew thee further, and until my appointed time, that I bid thee to publish them abroad.*

And further, the Lord said to my great satisfaction, *I will suffer this Violence to come, and the Chains of the Wild-beasts to be broken, that they may bow down a stiff-necked and a gain-saying People, against me, and against my Name: I will harden Pharaoh's heart, that I may shew my Power upon every man and woman; and I will suffer the Violent to go on in their Violence, for the tryal of the Faith of my own People, unto whom I have made known my Kingdom, and entrusted them with my Secrets, upon whom in the Light of my Countenance will I shine, and they shall see the Glory of my Throne, and they shall magnifie my Name. And after the night of Apostacy, and after the Dragon's Rage, my People shall bear a further Testimony of my great and glorious Name, and they shall leave a more clear and heavenly Declaration upon record, than my Servants heretofore have done, and it shall stand to Ages, and in Generations to come, that they may see how God manifested himself unto his People in a day of great suffering.*

Blessed, Blessed are all who wait upon the living God, and hear what he saith unto them, either by Revelation, by Vision, or by Prophecy; and blessed are they that in the Lord's time either speak or write by Revelation, by Prophecy, or Vision. And the time is already come, wherein many Prophecies, Visions and Revelations are already fulfilled, and are sealed up in him, who hath revealed and made known himself by Vision, as I have before-mentioned; And the Eternal God alone hath sealed up many unto himself in his own Seed, which all the afore-mentioned ends in. Blessed be all they that are in that estate, for the blessed Inheritance and Crown of the Lord is assured unto them.

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And now is the time of the Lord, wherein he hath required me to write what he shewed me by Vision, much whereof is already come on this Land, and fulfilled upon it, and that which is behind is nigh to be fulfilled. The Cloud hath spread over all, and violent men have done great violence, even unto God's Worshippers; And many are arisen out of the Pits, their Chains being broken, and their Fetters unloosed, which have held them many years; and as many as have had their liberty have been greedy of their prey, having long thirsted for the blood of the Saints; and many are yet to arise, whose Chains shall be broken: And he whom the Lord shewed me, the biggest amongst them and greatest in fury, he shall arise the last out of the Pit, and will be suffered to give one great push, and no more, which will be terrible; but the Lord will smite him, and the Beasts that were loosed before him, and God will turn them together into the Pit of Darkness from whence they arose, out of which they shall never arise again against the Lord nor his Heritage.

And now all dear Friends every-where, dwell in God, the Father of Light, that you may all witness his Dominion, so will he nourish you all, even as the true Woman in the Wilderness, *for a time, times, and half a time.* The Lord nourish you all, and feed you all with his own living Word, that you may all see the smoak of the Pit vanish away, and the power thereof (which hath for many years arisen against the Lord and his People) troden down by the living God. Wait all until the Lord's time and hour be accomplished, in which you shall see Violence put to an end, and also see the blessed Estate that I have before-mentioned. So in the blessed Truth I bid you farewell.

And now to you who have put out the Candle of the Lord in your selves, and are become altogether Darkness, and have given your Power wholly to the Beast and his followers, you therefore shall feel the stroke of God's Hand, which will be dreadful to you; and under which you shall confess that the
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holy Prophets of the Lord did in years past deal faithfully with you, when they prophesied unto you what would come upon you: Oh hearken you People, for to you I write, through whom the Nation is become miserable, and you your selves become slaves, and your name become a stink in the Nation, with him whom God hath cut off before you. Is not your Form of Worship and the glory thereof withered? yea, even as the flower withereth before the Sun in the Summer season, so is it withered away, and your gallant Glory is now trampled upon by the Dragon, unto whom you gave your Power, and the memorial thereof shall die and rot, even as those whose name and memorial is already rotted. And hearken you who put out the Candle of the Lord in your selves, where-with you were once lighted; mark what God hath done to *Oliver Cromwel*, even for this cause, that he put out the Candle of the Lord in himself.

And all you Magistrates of this Land who are now in Authority. Oh! you have grieved the Lord, and highly provoked him to anger, by afflicting his Children; and you have grieved our souls from time to time, and afflicted our bodies also, and have the blood of many as a guilt upon you. Oh this, I tell you, will bring the Lord's Judgment upon you unawares, even as a thief in the night, will it break upon you when you are not aware: for, no warning will you yet receive from the Lord's People, and you must know the stroak of God's hand with them that proved rebellious before you, and when you feel the weight thereof, you shall then remember this Warning.

From a Lover of Truth and Righteousness.

M. H.

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